



NOELANI SCHOOL PTA
January 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Meeting (via Zoom) called to order by President Dani Yafuso at **6:01 pm**.

PRESENT: The following officers and members, constituting a quorum, were present:

Officers: Danielle Yafuso, President
Stanford Togashi, Vice President
Alison Davidson, Secretary

Members: Approximately 30+
Principal Gusman

December 9, 2021 MEETING MINUTES - shared by Vice President Stanford Togashi; APPROVED

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT made by Principal Gusman:

1. COVID Cases:

- a. Cases reported this week: 11 students, 1 adult; some vaccinated, some not; reflection of the community.
- b. Reminders to try and keep everyone safe: continue to wear masks (and make sure masks fit well), social distancing, hand washing, etc.
- c. Email sent out over weekend: - if test positive → send information to Mr. Gusman
- d. If testing is needed, try **alohaclear.com** – often able to get same day appointment for PCR tests. Consider expanding search location outside Honolulu to get same-day appointment.

2. On-Campus Free COVID Testing – will begin tomorrow

- a. Can still sign up at Color.com
- b. About 70 people signed up to test tomorrow, results expected next Tuesday
- c. If signed up, can always opt out by contacting the school.

3. Mr. Gusman's Response to Parent Questions:

- a. Q: Any distance learning anticipated based on high number of cases?
A: No, don't anticipate going to distance learning unless something catastrophic happens. Note that if an entire class shuts down for more than one day, would need to go through superintendent's office for approval. Everything runs through superintendent's office now.
- b. Q: Any known transmission within the school, known clusters?
A: At this time, no definitive transmission within the school. Cannot say for certain that there are direct links within the school. If multiple students in a class test positive, look at spacing within the classroom, mask wearing, interview teachers and A+ staff about what they've observed. In every grade other than pre-k, one or two cases; spread across the school.
- c. Q: How are close contacts contacted by the school?
A: Generally, Mr. Gusman will call close contacts on the same day that he is notified about the case (even on the weekend). If really busy, Nicole or Ms. Ai may also contact families.

4. Reminder re Out of State Travel:

- a. If vaccinated → clear “Safe Travels” program requirements, don’t need to take another test to return to school, just show vaccination card (assuming no COVID symptoms).
- b. If unvaccinated → need to take a COVID test when you return to Hawaii or quarantine in order to return to school.
- c. For kids under 5, would show parents/travel companions’ vaccination card.
- d. Feel free to call the office with any questions.

5. After-School Enrichment Classes – in conjunction with the PTA, plan to offer after school enrichment classes. Hopefully after COVID cases subside, can start classes. Spoke with teachers and working on program. Note that trying to get back to “pre-COVID” activities, things that Noelani is really about (Craft Fair, ice cream social, trunk-o-treat”).

TREASURER’S REPORT – shared by Stanford:

1. Income/Expenses Since Last Meeting:

- a. Total income of \$1,498.30
- b. Total expenses of \$7,774.67

2. Bank Account Balance as of 12/31/22

- \$110,625.72 Checking (Operating)
\$121,752.98 Savings
\$ 12,856.08 Free Business Checking (Amazon/Square Inc)
\$245,234.78 Total

OLD BUSINESS

1. CRAFT FAIR :

- a. THANKS to all who shopped, volunteered (including Toby Tamaye – food vendor contact, Michelle Isa – website help)!
- b. New connections (especially with food vendors) were established, good options to move forward.
- c. Feast “Noelani” bento still available on the Feast808 website (feastrestranthawaii.com).
- d. Besides \$-amount raised, great to keep craft fair alive this year. Input from crafters – in person shopping really helped. Hopeful that next year can have an in person craft fair.

2. A&B KOKUA FOR KEIKI PROGRAM (information posted to PTA website)

- a. A&B to donate \$1,000 if at least one receipt from purchases at Manoa Marketplace is uploaded. If we reach 100 receipts, A&B will donate an addition \$500.
- b. QR code for uploading receipts on PTA website, email was sent out.

3. JOGATHON – Update from chair, Stanford:

- c. Currently scheduled for second week of February pending confirmation on t-shirt delivery.
- d. Students to participate during their regularly scheduled PE class during the Jogathon week.
- e. All students/staff will receive an athletic-type (moisture-wicking) t-shirt from the PTA regardless of whether they donate or not.
- f. Fundraising goal: \$30,000 to offset P.E. program costs (target \$75 per child). Target goal to help free up funds in school budget for other items. P.E. program will not be impacted if goal is not met.

- g. School is requesting that number of volunteers be kept to a minimum for safety reasons.
4. **NOMINATIONS FOR 2022-2023 OFFICERS** – Looking for volunteers for next year’s officers. COVID has been tough to meet people and form a nominations committee. Would like to encourage people interested in being on the board next year. Feel free to reach out to current Board or office with any questions.
5. **AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**
- Have historically (prior to COVID) run program (e.g., hula, drama, typing, etc.), dependent on teacher participation. Stanford shared prior listing of classes as a sample.
 - Targeting 10-week program to start around mid-February
 - Cost of \$100/student for the 10-week program; PTA’s Angel Fund can help for families needing assistance.
 - Maximum of 10 students per class
 - Be on the lookout for email for more details.
6. **A+ FEE INCREASE FOR ’22-23 SCHOOL YEAR** - question on whether there will be an increase in A+ fee? Looks like fee increase to \$200 might go into effect for 2022-2023 school year. Dani to check with Mr. Fukushima and ask for him to confirm.
7. **PTA GIVE BACK** – Goal for 2nd semester to show that PTA is here to support school community. Not just a fundraising body, rather PTA fundraises for the purpose of being able to give-back and support school. Event we’re working on for this semester: HTY digital event, Screenagers showing.
- Also need to have BUDGET discussions – query how much to hold for rainy day vs. spend down on the school. See where PTA can be helpful for the entire community.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Child-Sized Masks** – Stanford shared in the chat links to websites for child-sized masks that are of supposed higher quality than cloth masks. Often cheaper if purchased in bulk.
- Welcome to Student Teacher Ms. Guzman** – Room Parent Liaison Stephanie Buelow introduced student teacher Ms. Guzman who is in Ms. Ho’s class this semester.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:49 pm

Aurora M. Davidson

Secretary, Noelani School PTA

February 10, 2022

Date of Approval